

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 622

Introduced by Assembly Member Mullin

February 21, 2007

An act to amend Sections 51420 and 51423 of the Education Code, relating to high school equivalency certificates.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 622, as introduced, Mullin. High school equivalency certificates: confined persons.

(1) Existing law requires the Superintendent of Public Instruction to issue a California high school equivalency certificate to any person who passes a general educational development test approved by the State Board of Education and administered by an approved testing center, is a California resident or a member of the armed services and assigned to duty in California, and is either 18 years old or would have graduated from high school if he or she had remained in school and followed the usual course of study toward graduation.

This bill would, in addition, include a person who is at least 17 years old, has accumulated certain units of high school credit, and is confined to a state or county hospital or to an institution maintained by a state or county correctional agency, to the persons who may be eligible to receive a high school equivalency certificate.

(2) Existing law authorizes the Superintendent to provide for the administration of the general educational development test to persons confined in certain hospitals or correctional institutions.

This bill would authorize the Superintendent to grant a waiver to a county office of education to provide a general educational development test preparation program during the regular schoolday to a person who

is at least 17 years old, has accumulated certain units of high school credit, and is confined to a state or county hospital or to an institution maintained by a state or county correctional agency.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 51420 of the Education Code is amended
2 to read:

3 51420. The Superintendent of ~~Public Instruction~~ shall issue a
4 California high school equivalency certificate and an official score
5 report, or an official score report only, to any person who has not
6 completed high school and who meets the following requirements:

7 (a) Is a resident of this state or is a member of the armed services
8 assigned to duty in this state.

9 (b) Has taken all or a portion of a general educational
10 development test ~~which that~~ has been approved by the ~~State Board~~
11 ~~of Education~~ *State Board* and ~~which that~~ is administered by a
12 testing center approved by the ~~Department of Education~~
13 *department*, with a score determined by the ~~State Board of~~
14 *Education State Board* to be equal to the standard of performance
15 expected from high school graduates.

16 (c) ~~Is Meets one of the following:~~

17 (1) ~~Is at least 18 years of age. or who would~~

18 (2) ~~Would have graduated from high school had he remained~~
19 ~~in school and followed the usual course of study toward graduation.~~

20 (3) ~~Is at least 17 years of age, has accumulated fewer than 100~~
21 ~~units of high school credit, and is confined to a state or county~~
22 ~~hospital or to an institution maintained by a state or county~~
23 ~~correctional agency.~~

24 SEC. 2. Section 51423 of the Education Code is amended to
25 read:

26 51423. (a) (1) The Superintendent of ~~Public Instruction~~ may
27 provide for the administration of the general educational
28 development test to persons confined to state or county hospitals
29 or to institutions maintained by state or county correctional
30 agencies.

31 ~~Such~~

1 (2) *Those* agencies shall, upon request, reimburse the
2 Superintendent of ~~Public Instruction~~ in an amount sufficient to
3 pay the cost of administering the test.

4 (b) *Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the*
5 *Superintendent may grant a waiver to a county office of education*
6 *to provide a general educational development test preparation*
7 *program during the regular schoolday to a person who is at least*
8 *17 years of age, has accumulated fewer than 100 units of high*
9 *school credit, and is confined to a state or county hospital or to*
10 *an institution maintained by a state or county correctional agency.*